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SUBJECT: ANNUAL FRANCO/AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON  
EAST ASIA

REF: PARIS 6805

1. QUAI DIRECTOR OF ASIA, NOIVILLE, TOLD EMBOFF  
SEPTEMBER 28 THAT HE NOW HAS A TRIP SCHEDULED FOR THE  
END OF OCTOBER AND BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER. IN VIEW OF  
THE U.S. ELECTIONS IN EARLY NOVEMBER, HE THOUGHT THAT A  
MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME MIGHT BE THE WEEK OF  
NOVEMBER 15 TO 20. HE PROPOSED TWO DAYS OF TALKS,  
WITH THE AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND DAY DEVOTED TO A  
DISCUSSION OF SOUTH ASIA WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ATHERTON. (NOIVILLE'S AREA INCLUDES AFGHANISTAN,  
INDIA, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND SRI LANKA IN ADDITION  
TO THOSE COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE EA BUREAU.) NOIVILLE  
WOULD ALSO HOPE TO CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL  
AFFAIRS HABIB, WITH WHOM HE HELD LAST YEAR'S CONSULTA-  
TIONS.

2. NOIVILLE PROPOSED FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF  
LATER IN OCTOBER TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA. HE THOUGHT  
THERE WOULD BE NO TROUBLE IN AGREEING, SINCE U.S. AND  
FRANCE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE SAME SUBJECTS. HE  
FELT THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT WOULD PROBABLY BE CHINA,  
BUT HE WOULD LIKE U.S. VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE HIS  
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CHOICE OF THE PERSON TO ACCOMPANY HIM WOULD DEPEND

ON THE SUBJECT IN WHICH THE U.S. HAS MOST INTEREST. NOIVILLE HAD FOUND LAST YEAR'S PRACTICE OF HAVING EACH SIDE SPEAK ITS OWN LANGUAGE HAD WORKED VERY WELL; HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS TO BE HANDLED THE SAME WAY THIS YEAR.

3. NOIVILLE DID NOT ASK ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS CONCERNING ENTERTAINMENT NOR DID HE INDICATE THAT THE FRENCH SIDE MIGHT WISH TO HOST A LUNCHEON. IN PAST YEARS, AT LEAST THE HOST COUNTRY HAS GIVEN A LUNCHEON DURING THE FIRST DAY OF CONSULTATIONS. OCCASIONALLY THE EMBASSY OF THE GUESTS GAVE A RETURN LUNCHEON OR RECEPTION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SUGGEST THAT WHEN DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO NOIVILLE'S SUGGESTIONS IN PARAS 1 AND 2, IT ALSO INDICATE WHETHER IT WILL HOST A LUNCHEON.  
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